

PARAGUAY:

Chaves, Osvaldo  
Caballero Marsal, Fernando

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CHAVES, Osvaldo (Dr.)

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Personal data: Born Caazapá, Paraguay, February 25, 1918;  
single.

Education: Elementary and high schools in Asunción.  
University of Buenos Aires - Doctor of Philosophy and  
Letters and Doctor of Educational Science.

Languages: Spanish; other not known.

Career:

- 1944-1947 Director of Colegio Nacional and Head of School  
of Humanities, Asunción.
- 1947-1948 Director of newspaper, La Razón, Asunción.
- 1948 Exiled following election of J. Natalicio  
Gonzalez as President of Paraguay.
- 1949 Director of newspaper, La Unión, Asunción,  
March-May.
- 1949-1950 Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Relations  
and Worship, May-April.
- 1949-1950 Chief of Paraguayan Economic Mission to negotiate  
commercial and payments agreements with several  
western European countries, November-March.
- 1950 Paraguayan Permanent Delegate to the United Nations.

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Remarks:

Osvaldo Chaves, newly named Permanent Delegate of Paraguay to the United Nations, is a nephew of Federico Chaves, the Provisional President of Paraguay. Prior to his appointment to the UN his arrival was rumored for some time, and in the opinion of the Embassy at Asunción his appointment was a very good one. 1/ A very close friend of Luis Oscar Boettner, Paraguayan Ambassador to the United States, Chaves has been characterized as astute, intelligent, and unusually mature for his age. 1/2/3/ Although he appears serious-minded and shy when first approached, he is said to be genial and agreeable when put at ease. He was friendly and cooperative in his official relations with our Embassy in Asunción. 4/

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Remarks: (continued)

Chaves has been a faithful follower of his uncle, the President of Paraguay. He has been a leader of the Colorado youth and a member of the Governing Board of the Colorado Party. In October 1948, he was formally expelled from the Colorado Party after an unsuccessful insurrection against the government of Paraguay, headed at that time by J. Natalicio Gonzalez. Chaves was imprisoned and forced to carry water from the post office to the jail in Asunción at the point of a bayonet in the hands of an Indian, 5/6/7/ but by March 1949 he was back in a leading position as one of the secretaries of the Governing Board of the Colorado Party. 8/

One of Chaves' hobbies is said to be chess. 9/

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June 1, 1950

- 1/ T-291, Asunción, September 1, 1949, Confidential.
- 2/ Memorandum of conversation with an officer of the Department of State, September 14, 1949, Confidential.
- 3/ A-113, Asunción, May 3, 1949, Confidential.
- 4/ Confidential Biographic Data, Asunción, May 16, 1950, Confidential.
- 5/ D-2973, Asunción, November 14, 1947, Unclassified.
- 6/ A-368, Asunción, October 28, 1948, Unclassified.
- 7/ D-538, Asunción, November 4, 1948, Confidential.
- 8/ D-126, Asunción, March 23, 1949, Unclassified.
- 9/ Memorandum of conversation with an officer of the Department of State, September 6, 1949, Confidential.

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CABALLERO Marsal, Fernando: Member of Delegation; First Secretary of Permanent Delegation to the UN; formerly employed by the UN Secretariat; young, energetic, and has good judgment. While a delegate to the sixth session of the UN General Assembly, he was cordial and cooperative.

Oct. 7, 1952

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